

Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes of the Meeting of July 25, 2017.

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Shafonda Davis, Tim Deck, Cathi Hines, George Webb. Kate Bremser, Susan Teer, Jenny Campbell, Shannon McCabe, Heidi Carter, Joyce McKinney.

Community Members: Sarah Riechman

Next Meeting: September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm at APS Shelter

Minutes taken by Sue Darling

Item I - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2016 were not yet approved. The minutes of the meeting of 5/23/2017 were approved with the following correction: The meeting started late at 7:30, but there was a quorum.

Item II – Animal Services Report, Sheriff’s Report

Lt. Deck reported the Sheriff’s Office received 1,113 calls for services in June 2017, with a response time of 35 minutes. Intake was 226. Last Friday, Sgt. Penner and Dr. Bremser administered 27 new chips from 10 am until 6 pm. Vouchers had been given out, so they went out to homes.

Presentation to Commissioners was awesome, however the request for four new positions for the Sheriff’s office was not approved. This committee may invite commissioners on a “ride-along” with Sheriff’s car. Lieutenant will email the commissioners a thank you for the opportunity to make the recent presentation and perhaps include the invite in the email.

On August 9, APS, the Sheriff’s office, the Red Cross, Durham Public Schools, HHS and Social Services put on exercises for an emergency shelter drill including that for animals.

The Wellness Fair is tentatively set for September 30, or October 14 at Holton. Dr. Ferris and students from NC State are again interested in participating. There are plans for an additional tent for watering stations, etc.

Item III – Shelter Update

Shafonda indicated that all is going well at the shelter. In June, there were 178 adoptions, 30 animals rescued or transferred, and 60 returned to owner. Total intake for June was 532, compared to 480 in June 2016.

August 19 brings the “Clear the Shelter” event sponsored by APS. The annual Thanksgiving Gala is set for November 18 from 6-11pm. This is a full dinner fundraiser. Tickets are \$125.

There will be two Spay Days in June for Durham residents. On August 5, APS will pair with "Dirty Dogs" for a Spay Day. Events are held Mondays at Macy's, and Ellis Cross Apartments for cat adoptions. The Keep Durham Beautiful event will soon include dogs.

APS paired with Coalition for Unchained Dogs to provide food to the public. APS is still helping the public with costs for surrender intervention, referring feasible cases to vets; either for free or by for arranging payments.

Item IV – Old Business

None.

Item V - New Business

The APS is purposefully moving forward advocating for animals in Durham County. Discussion was had about the prospect of a "ride-along", and showing important stats to the public. The Sheriff's office puts announcements on facebook and does press releases. Emergency management is willing to help with events. They will do flyers for the Rabies Wellness Event on September 30, which has gone on for two years very successfully at Holton. The Sheriff's office will have them printed by next meeting for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.